

## Boys basketball defeats Colton

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It was disconcerting to see several Warrenton boys basketball starters emerge from the locker room for warm-ups last Friday night in street clothes. They sauntered over to the spectator end of the team bench and sat down.

What rectified the situation, though, was that the Warriors' bench came through like knights in shining armor, helping rout the visiting Colton Vikings 44-30.

"Tonight was a great opportunity for the guys in our program to step into new roles and get out of their comfort zone," Coach Nate McBride said. "We were without three regular players and, as a result, we had others play their first significant minutes of the season."

While Hordie Boden Boden made just 3 points in the game, he masterfully filled in as point guard. Hunter Xochipilcatl, a freshman, contributed 10 points to the Warrenton cause.

Dawson Little came



Bruce Dustin

Hunter Xochipilcatl of Warrenton goes up for a basket.

through with another team-leading 14 points, followed by Ethan Green's 10, Austin Little's 5, and Albert Nakka's 2.

"We responded to a challenge with great effort and commitment," McBride said. "It's good to gain experience and walk away with a win."

The boys are up next in an away game today against Taft.

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## Wrestlers place well in two tournaments

BY CORY CONANT  
WHS wrestling coach

The Warrenton girls wrestling team traveled last Friday and Saturday to one of the largest girls wrestling tournaments in the nation, the Kelso High School Tournament.

Nearly 800 girls competed in the two-day event with each bracket boasting 45 to 77 wrestlers.

Tournaments like this are a valuable wrestling experience and a pretty cool life experience, too.

The Warriors finished 51 out of 102 Washington and Oregon schools.

All of the girls battled and we had some big wins across the lineup.

Jade Vollner went 5-2 and took seventh place. Divine Goodwin and Marlee Annat both went 3-2.

### WARRIOR BOYS

The boys finished 10th of 18 teams at the Pacific Rim Tournament in Seaside on the same weekend.

The tournament was competitive, featuring 6A Tigard,



Austin Atwood wins by a fall over Anthony Esquivel of Tigard at the Pacific Rim Tournament in Seaside.

5A Scapoose and St Helens, defending 4A state champion Tillamook, and many other tough teams.

We wrestled close matches and learned a great deal.

Austin Atwood wrestled seven matches, going 4-3 at 120 pounds to take sixth

place. Nic Pior went 4-2 and earned fourth at 145. Sam Irwin was 4-1, winning two overtime matches, to take second.

Next up, the boys and girls dual at the Oregon Wrestling Classic in Redmond this weekend.

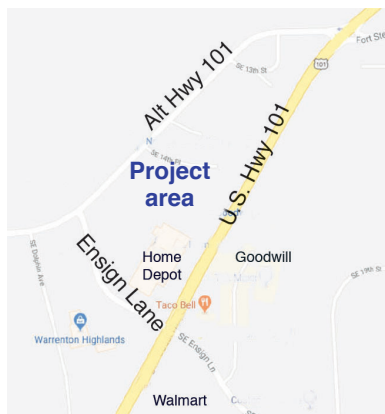
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told commissioners he'd like to build a senior care center and was unsure whether it was an allowed use.

There also was confusion over limitations on the amount of commercial versus residential acreage in the area, Yuill said. It previously had been zoned residential and the city approved a zone change last year allowing businesses along with the housing.

"For commercial mixed-use, we're a textbook place for (that)," Yuill said. "But we don't want it to become a gold rush with first-come, first-served and everybody else los-



es out."

Commissioner Mark Baldwin proposed moving the hearing to Jan. 28.

"Any gray area, I want to clean it up and make it clear," Baldwin said. "We're never

going to please everybody in the entire city with our decisions, but if we do our due diligence and do our best, that's all we can do."

There also was some confusion about giving the project area a name, as Spur 104 isn't very glamorous.

Community Development Director Kevin Cronin referred to the area as Highlands Parkway in a staff report. Mayor Henry Balensifer suggested it be given a more historical name such as Chelsea Gardens, which was recommended recently by Astoria architect and planner Stuart Emmons.

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